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OF UK-US RHODESIAN PROPOSAL

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1. UK AMBASSADOR WARBURTON INVITED ME AND DCM TO MEET THIS MORN-
ING IN HER RESIDENCE WITH AMB DYVIG, DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR

MFA, WHO RETURNED LAST NIGHT FROM HELSINKI. FONMIN K.B.ANDERSEN,

WHO IS NOT IN TOWN TODAY, HAD ASKED DYVIG TO BRIEF AMB Warburton AND ME.

2. DYVIG SAID HE WOULD DIVIDE HIS COMMENTS INTO TWO PARTS: DANISH REACTION TO UK-US PROPOSALS AND NORDIC FONMIN REACTION. AS TO DANISH REACTION, DYVIG SAID DANES WERE VERY PLEASED BY INITIATIVE AND THEIR REACTION WAS POSITIVE BOTH TOWARDS THE CREATION OF A UN PEACE FORCE AND THE ZDF. DYVIG SAID THAT FURTHER RESEARCH WAS NEEDED ON THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF A DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO ZDF, BUT THAT FONMIN ANDERTEN THOUGHT THESE WOULD NOT POSE ANY HURDLES.

3. CONCERNING DANISH PARTICIPATION IN THE UN PEACE FORCE, UN SECGEN WALDHEIM HAD ASKED DANISH AMB ULRICHSEN SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS SEP 1 WHEN LATTER PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS IN NEW YORK BEFORE FLYING TO NORDIC MEETING. WALDHEIM ASKED DANES TO BE "FORTHCOMING" AND ULRICHSEN HAD ANSWERED THAT THEY WOULD BE.

4. DYVIG THEN DISCUSSED THE NORDIC REACTION TO THE UK-US PROPOSALS. HE SAID THAT K.B.ANDERSEN WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THE DOCUMENTATION WHICH AMB Warburton HAD GIVEN HIM DURING A MEETING ON AUG 31, AS WELL AS SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN WHICH REACHED HIM DURING HELSINKI MEETING. DYVIG SAID THIS MEANT THAT K.B.ANDERSEN WAS ABLE TO TAKE LEAD IN DISCUSSION OF RHODESIA WITH RESULT THAT A POSITIVE POSITION WAS ADOPTED BY ALL NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

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5. DYVIG THEN REFERRED TO TEXT OF IOMMUNIQUE, WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY EMBASSY HELSINKI, AND DREW OUR ATTENTION TO THE SHORT STATEMENT ON RHODESIA, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

6. QTE THE NORDIC COUNTRIES SUPPORT THE ON-GOING EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE ZIMBABWE PROBLEM. THEY WELCOME WITH SATISFACTION THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CURRENT BRITISH PROPOSAL PRESENTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE US. THEY DECLARE THEMSELVES READY TO ASSIST AT ITS IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN. END QTE.

7. DYVIG EXPLAINED THAT THE WORD "OBJECTIVE" HAD BEEN CHOSEN CAREFULLY SO AS TO AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO THE SPECIFICS OF THE PLAN, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO EXPLAINING THE COMMUNIQUE TO THE PRESS. BY THE SAME TOKEN THE WORDS "FRAMEWORK OF THE UN" WERE USED SO AS TO SHOW APPROVAL BOTH FOR A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE AND THE ZDF, WHICH WOULD BE ADMINISTRED BY THE IBRD.

8. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON RHODESIA PLAN, I ASKED ABOUT NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UN FORCE, A QUESTION WHICH HAD COME UP IN OUR INITIAL MEETING WITH FONMIN ANDERSEN. DYVIG SAID THAT PRIMIN NORDLI HAD INDEED BEEN ASKED IN LAGOS BY NIGERIANS IF

NORWAY WOULD TAKE PART IN SUCH A FORCE. THE NORWEGIANS HAD REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF DETAILS.

9. DYVIG THEN VOLUNTEERED INTERESTING POINT THAT NORDIC AMBASSADORS IN DAR HAD BEEN CALLED IN BY TANZANIAN FONMIN AND GIVEN OUTLINE OF UK-US PROPOSAL SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE IT WAS PUBLISHED. THE TANZANIANS SAID THEY SUPPORTED MOST OF THE PLAN, BUT HAD RESERVATION ON THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH THE FUTURE OF THE ZIMBAWIAN ARMY.

10. FINALLY, DYVIG THANKED AMB WARBURTON AND ME FOR COMPLETE AND TIMELY BRIEFING GIVEN FONMIN ANDERSEN BEFORE MEETING. THIS HAD ENABLE DANES TO DIGEST DOCUMENTS ON FLIGHT TO HELSINKI AND TO TAKE LEAD IN PRESENTING PROPOSAL TO NORDICS. DYVIG REMARKED THAT AFTER

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SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS HAD ALSO INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR PROPOSALS, FINNS AND ICELANDERS FELL INTO LINE.

11. DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING WILL REPORT TO EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN BRUSSELS SEP 5 ON RESULTS OF NORDIC MEETING AND EXPECTS AT THAT TIME TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF UK-US PROPOSALS.

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